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SUBJ: TRADE UNION SUMMIT ON FULL EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THIRTY LEADING TRADE UNIONISTS FROM NORTH
AMERICA, JAPAN AND EUROPE ASSEMBLED IN DUESSELDORF ON THE
EVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE CHIEFS
OF GOVERNMENTS IN BONN, TO DISCUSS AND ADOPT A DOCUMENT
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PRESENTING TRADE UNION VIEWS ON FULL EMPLOYMENT AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMITTED TO THE
CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN BONN. THE DOUCMENT
CALLS FOR EFFECTIVE AND COORDINATED MEASURES TO ENSURE FULL
EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INCREASED AID TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AMOUNTING TO AT LEAST .7 PERCENT
OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT. THE AFL/CIO WAS

REPRESENTED BY TREASURER LAND KIRKLAND AND EUROPEAN
REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN. END SUMMARY.

2. THIRTY LEADING TRADE UNIONISTS FROM NORTH AMERICA,
JAPAN AND EUROPE ASSEMBLED IN DUESSELDORF ON JULY 12
AND 13, 1978, THE EVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT
CONFERENCE OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS OF THE MOST
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN BONN, TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS
OF EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FULL EMPLOYMENT.
THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE LAID DOWN IN A
DOCUMENT WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMITTED TO THE HEADS
OF THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS.

3. BEGIN DOCUMENT SUMMARY: THE DOCUMENT COMPRISES
20 POINTS, WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: ECONOMIC
GROWTH RATES IN THE OECD REGION ARE FALLING FAR SHORT
OF EXPECTATIONS. EVEN RATES OF 4 TO 4.5 PERCENT WILL
NOT SUFFICE TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT
OF 17 MILLION IN THE OECD AREA. THIS CALLS FOR DECISIVE
GOVERNMENT ACTION. THE UNIONS EXPECT A COORDINATED
ECONOMIC GROWTH POLICY AND CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENTS
TO PREVAIL ON THE EMPLOYERS TO SHOULDER THEIR SHARE
OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH.

4. FULL EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STRUCTURAL
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REFORM ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED. EACH COUNTRY MUST
DEVELOP ITS OWN WAY TO ECONOMIC GROWTH BUT NATIONAL
MEASURES MUST BE COORDINATED INTERNATIONALLY TO LEND
SUPPORT TO WEAKER COUNTRIES, WHICH IN TURN SHOULD
COMBAT INFLATION AND RESTORE THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THEIR
BALANCE OF TRADE.

5. IN RESTORING FULL EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT SPONSORED
JOB CREATION AND WORKING TIME REDUCTIONS PLAY A
SIGNIFICANT ROLE. SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID
TO JOBS FOR YOUTHS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND WOMEN AS WELL
AS TO THE PROBLEMS OF MIGRATORY WORKERS.

6. FULL EMPLOYMENT WILL DECREASE INFLATIONARY PRESSURE.
GROWING DEMAND AND A BETTER UTILIZATION OF CAPACITIES
WILL DECREASE COSTS AND THUS COUNTERACT INFLATIONARY
TRENDS, STIMULATING INVESTMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY. INFLATION
CAUSED BY MONOPOLIES REQUIRES EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION
AGAINST RESTRAINT OF COMPETITION, PARTICULARLY AGAINST
THE MULTI-NATIONALS.

7. GOVERNMENTS MUST GIVE PRIORITY TO A MORE EFFICIENT

ENERGY UTILIZATION AND TO STIMULATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NEW SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY TO PROVIDE
HIGHER ENERGY CONSUMPTION AS A CONSEQUENCE OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH.

8. A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORDER IS TO
ENSURE A WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF THE FRUITS OF PROGRESS.
DEVELOPING NATIONS SHOULD BE ENABLED TO CATER TO
THE BASIC NEEDS OF THEIR POPULATION INSTEAD OF EXPLOITING
THEIR PEOPLE THROUGH THE PRODUCTION OF CHEAP COMMODITIES
FOR EXPORT. IN A JOINT EFFORT THE HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES SHOULD KEEP THEIR PROMISES TO PROVIDE AT LEAST
.7 PERCENT OF THEIR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT FOR
DEVELOPMENT AID, FOR WHICH MANY OF PRESENTLY IDLE
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CAPACITIES COULD BE USED AND WHICH WILL CREATE JOBS IN
BOTH DONOR AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

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9. THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CHAOS IMPEDES ECONOMIC POLICY. THIS CALLS FOR CLOSE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, CONTROL OF SPECULATIVE CAPITAL MOVEMENTS AND DISCOURAGEMENT OF HIGH INTEREST RATES AS AN OBSTACLE TO INVESTMENT AND FULL EMPLOYMENT. IN COOPERATION WITH THE TRADE UNIONS, GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE TO FIND A NEW APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE. A NEW COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FORMED IN THE GATT FRAMEWORK WITH THE TRIPLE GOALS
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OF PROMOTING TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

10. IN CONCLUSION THE DOCUMENT EMPHASIZES THE SIGNIFICANT PRACTICAL TASKS OF THE TRADE UNIONS IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. IT WARNS, HOWEVER, THAT CONTINUED SUPPORT OF A LIBERAL WORLD TRADE AND OPPOSITION TO PROTECTIONISM WILL BE DIFFICULT UNLESS THERE IS A DISCERNIBLE SUCCESS IN RESTORING FULL EMPLOYMENT. MAINTENANCE OF THE CONFIDENCE OF THE WORKERS, IN ADDITION TO A PERMANENT UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN ARE INDISPENSIBLE TO ENABLE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THEIR POPULATIONS AND TO MAKE A MAXIMAL CONTRIBUTION TO CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT TO THE WORLD ECONOMY. END DOCUMENT SUMMARY.

11. IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT HEINZ OSKAR VETTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (DGB) AND PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ECFTU), EMPHASIZED THAT BY MAKING CONCESSIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS A CONSENSUS COULD BE FOUND ON ALL POINTS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT; MORE RADICAL PROPOSALS OF SOME LEFTIST EUROPEAN UNIONS HAD BEEN OMITTED. FURTHERMORE, VETTER REPORTED, THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES RESOLVED TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN BONN. ONLY THEN IT WOULD BE DECIDED WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL UNIONS WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE MEASURES AND POLICIES ADOPTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

12. A JOURNALIST'S QUESTION CONCERNING PROTECTIONISM OF THE US TRADE UNIONS PARTICULARLY AGAINST EUROPE AND

JAPAN WAS ANSWERED BY AFL/CIO TREASURER LAND KIRKLAND,
WHO REPRESENTED THE US TRADE UNIONS TOGETHER WITH
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AFL/CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN. MR.
KIRKLAND EMPHASIZED THAT IN THIS MATTER THE AMERICAN
TRADE UNION POSITION HAD INDEED UNDERGONE A FUNDAMENTAL
CHANGE IN RECENT YEARS. THIS CHANGE HAD BEEN BROUGHT
ABOUT BY THE FORCE OF EVENTS SUCH AS WIDE-SPREAD
TRADE BARRIERS ABROAD, FOREIGN EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND
INCENTIVES TO ATTRACT US CAPITAL FOR INVESTMENT
ABROAD WITH A CONSEQUENT LOSS OF US JOBS. THIS CHANGED
SITUATION CAUSED THE AFL/CIO TO URGE THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT TO ADAPT TO THE CONDITIONS. THE AMERICAN
UNIONS WOULD GLADLY RETURN TO AN ADVOCACY OF A MORE
LIBERAL TRADE POLICY SHOULD CONDITIONS CHANGE AND THE
PREREQUISITS FOR SUCH A POLICY BE REESTABLISHED. HOWEVER,
MR. KIRKLAND DID NOT SEE ANY PROSPECT FOR THIS.DUX

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